



May 24th 2007

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street, SW
Room TW-B204
Washington DC 20554

Re: MB Docket No. 07-57

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On behalf of the New York State Federation of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, one of the largest advocates for the nation's two-million Hispanic-owned businesses, I urge the Commission to approve the merger of Sirius and XM satellite radios, which will bring competition, diverse programming and lower prices to our community.

As you know, the Hispanic marketplace is expanding at an unprecedented rate not only in large metropolitan areas, but in every remote corner of the nation. Satellite radio programming includes business news and information, entertainment and consumer news targeting Spanish and English-speaking Latino listeners 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

We firmly believe that alternative news sources found in downloadable services, satellite, HD and internet radio have played a role in fueling this economic growth and our community is more informed and better prepared to make important business decisions as a result.

Additionally, XM and Sirius understand the long-term benefits of servicing growth markets such as ours and with the merger, more channel capacity will likely be available to service communities such as ours. This is a key component of great value to Latino listeners and should not be overlooked by members of the FCC as they begin their review process.

The bottom line is that with expanded choices and better prices, satellite radio will be an even more attractive option for consumers, and this ultimately benefits our Chamber members and the two-million Latino-owned businesses in the U.S.

There is no doubt that the XM-Sirius merger will be a win-win for Hispanic businesses and the community and we strongly urge its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'Alfred P. Placeres', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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